

Cohasset Police Report

MONDAY, JUNE 18

Report of truck knocking down wires, Elm St.

Burglar alarm, Stop & Shop
Suspicious motor vehicle, Tower Lane.

Hull P.D. radios re. in pursuit of a white Corvette, Jer. Rd.

Larceny, McGregor's Fruit Stand.

Vandalism, Central Cemetery.

Stop & Shop, police escort.
Quincy Co-op Bank, police escort.

Motor vehicles speeding, Sohier St.

Tree down, blocking So. Main St.

Burglar alarm, Jer. Rd.

Burglar alarm, River Rd.

Accident, 514 C.J.C. Way.

Burglar alarm, Cohasset Golf Club.

Burglar alarm, Hugo's.

Noise complaint, Wadleigh Park.

Burglar alarm, Zeph'r Boat Sales.

Fight in progress front of First Parish house.

TUESDAY, JUNE 19

Trespassers, Hillside Dr.

Stop & Shop, police escort.

Burglar alarm, Atl. Ave.

Scituate Police radio vehicle just stolen from their town.

Person locked out of vehicle center of town.

Rock throwers, Beechwood St.

Nine-year-old girl missing, Summer St.

Bicycle accident, Sohier St.

Patrols request ambulance at above.

Boy on moped hit by car, need ambulance.

Burglar alarm, Beach St.

Speeders, Forest Ave.

Cars, Wadleigh Park.

Noisy group, Atl. Ave.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

Burglar alarm, Cohasset Tennis Club.

Noise complaint, Wadleigh Park.

A & P, police escort.

Vandalism, Smith Place.

Burglar alarm, S.S.M.C.

Burglar alarm, Stop & Shop

Loud music, No. Main St.

Prowler, Bancroft Rd.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

Burglar alarm, Zeph'r Boat Sales.

Injured cat, No. Main St.

Alarm sounding, Mr. Beam.

Vandalism done to auto, Atl. Ave.

Alarm, Fire Box 3141.

Disturbance, Mill Bridge.

P & B bus disabled, center of town.

Noise complaint, Wadleigh Park.

Suspicious vehicle, Ash St.

Larceny of gas, Bancroft Rd.

FRIDAY, JUNE 22

Noise complaint, Hugo's parking lot.

Attempted B & E, Jer. Rd.

Man collapsed at elderly housing.

Vandalism, Rice Island.

Alarm sounding, Dwyer's Cleaners.

Domestic disturbance, Bond St.

Cohasset resident arrested for minor in possession of alcohol.

Cohasset resident under arrest for operating under the influence.

Noisy group, Govt. Island.

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

Fireworks, Doane St.

Suspicious m/v, Cedar Acres Lane.

Vehicle blocking entrance to Govt. Island.

Child with severed toe, Cedar Lane.

Natural Resources officers in with a Weymouth resident under arrest for possession of short lobsters.

Fireworks, Todd Rd.

Burglar alarm, Dwyer's Cleaners.

Patrols in with three Hingham youths under arrest for possession of liquor.

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

Fireworks, Beechwood St.

Domestic problems, Jer. Rd.

Possible heart attack, Norfolk Rd.

Loud party, Norfolk Rd.

Alarm of fire, Stop & Shop.

Schwin 5-speed bike stolen from 59 Highland Ave.

Blue ten-speed bike reported missing from Cohasset Cycles.

Domestic problem, Mill Ln.

A History Of Sandy Beach

By Karin Bartow

Sandy Beach is a popular spot to visit throughout the year for a sniff of salt air and a look at Minot's Light and the ocean, but when summer arrives, it becomes a haven for sunworshippers, swimmers, and beach lovers.

Once inaccessible and valuable only for its kelp and salt, the beach interested early Cohasset settlers when a ship washed ashore. After the construction of roads and bridges, the addition of Minot's Light, and the advent of bathing as a fashionable pastime, the shore property became popular for summer residences.

Even during the difficult days of World War I, townspeople watching the gradual development of the shoreline took action to preserve Sandy Beach for future generations.

Burtram J. Pratt writes in *A Narrative History of the Town of Cohasset* (Vol. II), "To preserve a portion of the waterfront for public use, a group of citizens purchased Sandy Beach in 1917 and formed a civic corporation to hold it perpetually for the residents of Cohasset."

Sixty-two years later, according to F. Allen Weisenfluh, President of Sandy Beach Association, "this (intent) is working well because the objective was to have a clean, natural bathing beach and changing facility for the people who live in the town and, in my opinion, people are

happy with it the way it is."

Newcomers to Cohasset may wonder why they are asked to support a ('town') beach. A beach for the town, yes, but not owned by the town and not run on tax dollars. When the original trust was written and land given for the beach, there was no endowment established. In fact, the terms of the trust specifically prohibit charging fees to town residents for use of the beach. Since that time the eight trustees whose responsibility it is to preserve and maintain the beach for residents, have relied on fund raising and membership fees from 110 Hingham residents.

Income pays for salaries of beach personnel, maintenance and insurance. The parking lot is owned and maintained by the Town. The Association pays for rubbish removal, which is deposited in barrels donated by the Rotary Club. The last accumulated surplus concrete bathhouse was built. It replaced the old wooden one that was a fire hazard and source of vandalism.

The Association about breaks even, but this doesn't allow for any build-up of surplus for improvements or more personnel. Weisenfluh is striving for better participation in fund raising. Last year out of the total population (apx. 7,600), only 300 residents contributed and he doesn't feel this is representative enough of the total beach users. "The key," says Paul Corbett, the treasurer, "is to

get every family in town to make a small donation. It needn't be large, if everyone could give."

The trustees are a diversified and conscientious group, mindful of the value of the beach they protect and preserve. After 15 years of experience as a trustee, Weisenfluh became president four years ago when Hollis Gleason retired. Gleason became a trustee in 1934, and was president for 25 years. The other trustees are: Marguerite Libby, secretary; Paul C. Corbett, treasurer; H. William Adams III, maintenance; R. Perry Collins, personnel; Samuel Wakeman, Sr., Jeff Steel, and Richard F. Mantz.

When a trustee is voted in (by the group itself) to succeed a retiring one, he or she receives a share of the corporation, which expires when they resign. Of the 100 original shares, approximately 25-30 remain. No provision was made for the transfer of these shares to other family members, so when the holders pass on the shares expire.

The beach opened officially—life guards on duty from 9 to 5—Thursday, June 21. The Association conducted a massive clean-up beforehand. This year's staff includes four lifeguards, with one, Ed McGillicuddy, acting as beach manager. Returning for his fourth year, Ed teaches school in Braintree and was formerly an MDC lifeguard.

Bill Adams says, "It's difficult for these kids to discipline themselves and to keep law

and order on the beach. Ed has done a great job and brought the needed experience to pull everyone together." The other lifeguards are Mark St. John, Dan Blake-man, and Joe Donnelly, all

from Cohasset. John Ayer, a senior at Cohasset High, will work on maintenance full-time and will keep the beach house open from 5 to 7 p.m., after the lifeguards go off duty.

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